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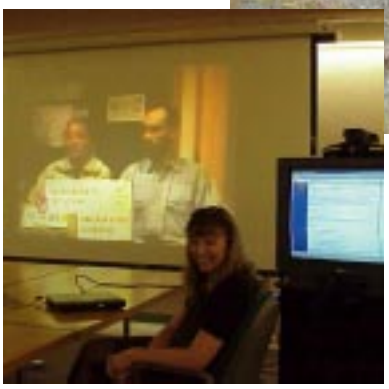
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Carol Gold Brings A Faculty Perspective to Statewide

Spotlight

Academic Liaison

Dr. Carol Gold's career with the University of Alaska began in 1979 when she was a visiting assistant professor of history at UAA in Anchorage. The following year she moved to Fairbanks and joined the History Department of UAF, and in 1998 she became head of the department.

For this year, though, she has a different job, and it's one for which her credentials, experience and knowledge of UA make her immensely qualified.

For 2001-02 she is the Academic Liaison in the office of UA President Mark Hamilton, only the second UA faculty member to hold the position.

The position was created to provide the office of the president and the statewide administration with a faculty perspective on issues affecting the entire university system. The first Academic Liaison was Richard Hacker, Professor of Law Science at UAS in Juneau.

"There's both a perceived and somewhat real chasm between the statewide administration and faculty," Gold said. "We

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UA On Track with Internet Video Conferencing

The rapidly evolving world of video conferencing was displayed dramatically last week when the University of Alaska participated with universities and organizations around the world in MegaConference III.

From the comfort of the Sherman Carter Conference Room, the UA folks took part in the world's largest Internet videoconference. The sites around the world used H.323 Internet video conferencing for the leading edge project.

"It was good to watch and listen to individuals from other organizations and universities around the world because it became clear that UA falls right in with the top ten percent of users," said Bob Carr, supervisor of the university's Alaska Teleconference Network. "We're right on track with our development of Internet video conferencing."

The University of Alaska began evaluating the potential of video conferencing in February 1993, and less than a year later, on January 7, 1994, the video conferencing network became operational at all three of the university's main regional campuses.

Carr said the MegaConference was significant in that it was one of the world's first totally remote-by-Internet conferences. "Now we have a worldwide contact list for sites at which we can accomplish Internet video conferencing," he said.

Buddy's Doing Just Fine

Buddy's doing just fine, and his left rear leg has recovered enough for him to stand on it, and get around well. Because of severe nerve damage in the foot, he wears a bootie to protect it.

Buddy's the dog that was hit by a car at the end of May and lay by the roadside, badly hurt, for two days until he was rescued by ARSC employee Gary Hagestead. Gary's fellow employees at ARSC and others in the Butrovich Building chipped in more than $1,000 to help pay Buddy's vet bills.

Even though it was a traumatic spring and summer for Buddy, his damaged leg did not have to be amputated, and he's adjusted to being a regular member of the Hagestead family, Gary reports.

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Many Traditions One Alaska

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just don't seem to communicate real well with each other. President Hamilton has said, 'We have different metabolisms,' and I think that's a good way to put it."

Dr. Gold sees her job as working to bridge that communications gap, and to put the concerns of faculty on the statewide administration's radar screen.

And on the other hand, she said, there are constraints on the statewide administration that faculty know nothing about, let alone have the opportunity to understand how those constraints may affect decisions.

"If I can convey and interpret faculty concerns to the administration, and also help explain to faculty what's going on here, then I'll be doing my job," she said.

To increase her availability to faculty at UAF, she goes to her History Department office each Wednesday from 10 a. m. to noon. That makes it easier for her faculty colleagues to talk with her informally, and it's starting to work.

"This week, a friend saw me down there and said, 'Hi,Carol. It must be Wednesday.' That's a beginning," she said.

Outreach to faculty at other campuses is also one of her main objectives. She has visited the UAA campus, and later this month will spend a day at UAS in Juneau.

The faculty at Mat-Su College in Palmer invited her to speak to them on Oct. 22, and she's looking forward to it.

"I'd really like to visit all the community campuses," she said. Personal visits give her the opportunity to answer questions, and talk with her colleagues around the system. "We're still inventing the job description for the Academic Liaison position," she said, "and it's that flexibility that will give us ideas and possibilities for more discussions."

She's enjoying her new job, but there is one drawback for a woman who's a history teacher at heart. "I miss the teaching," she said.

Orientation Sessions Will Explain New Career Planning Program

Orientation sessions have been scheduled this month to familiarize university employees with the Professional Development Career Planning Program that has been developed by Human Resources.

Jim Johnsen, chief of staff, explains how the program started. "The university administration surveyed staff and found that among the most critical areas of concern were the lack of clear career ladders, and the development of support programs needed for staff to climb those ladders. In response to the survey, President Hamilton challenged our Human Resources staff to develop programs that would help us 'grow our own leaders.'"

Human Resources Director Janet Jacobs said that an employee's relationship with his or her supervisor is one of the key factors in employee satisfaction. She said supervisors are integral to the process of professional growth for university employees.

The orientation sessions are being held for the purpose of explaining the program to people, and answering questions they may have about how it will work. Employees are encouraged to attend one of the following hour-long sessions, all of which will be held in the Board of Regents Room: Monday, October 15, 10 to 11 a.m. or 3-4 p.m. Thursday, October 18, 10-11 a.m. or 3-4 p.m.

All presentations will be available by video conference from Anchorage at the University Lake Building on the UAA campus. For more information, please contact Melissa Hill at 474-1832 or by email at melissa.hill@alaska.edu.

Transitions...



Melissa Hill

Melissa Hill, recently coming to Statewide from the UAF Alaska Teacher Placement Program, has accepted the Staff Development Coordinator position in the Statewide Office of Human Resources. Melissa's background in project management and teaching are a perfect fit for this position, said HR Director Janet Jacobs, who added that the staff development pilot project is on schedule.



Jeannine Senechal

Jeannine Senechal has started work as the new Director of Compensation in Human Resources. She has moved to Fairbanks from Seattle where she was the associate director of Human Resources Administration at the University of Washington.



David Rohwer, Manager for Production Services, is on the move as he rides his bike to work, rain or shine.



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From Bess Rounds, 474-6301:
Burgundy canvas topper with frame and snap on windows for a 20ft Hewes Craft Boat. We had a hard top made, so don't need. Make an offer. We desperately need moving boxes. AKC Pedigree labs, four yellow and five black. (7 female and 2 male). Ready at Thanksgiving.

Are you a little bit country? I have a beautiful living room set that has a 2 cushion love seat, 3 cushion couch, coffee table, end table and 2 lighted curio cabinets. It has a soft tan pine wood trim with cut out designs on each piece. The fabric is a blue and white country check, scotchguarded and no kids!! It brightens up a dark winter - excellent condition!!. Moving and don't have room.

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